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Cactus District Weekly Update

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Mayor and Council at Dave and Busters Ribbon Cutting at Westgate

Holiday Season Crime Prevention & Safety Tips

Vice Mayor Hugh and the Glendale Police Department would like to make sure you have a safe holiday season.

Cactus District Amenities

For list a of safety tips [Click here](#)

Arizona Ron Leads Walking Tours of Downtown

Learn the story of Glendale first-hand from one of its long-time residents, "Arizona Ron." Arizona Ron will be offering "The Town of Dreams" Walking Tours in Downtown Glendale on December 9, 11, 16 and 18. Each tour begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. suite 140, and costs \$15 for adults or \$5 for ages 16 and under.

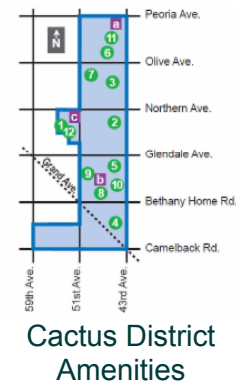
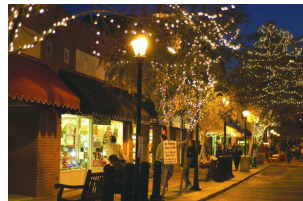
Learn how Glendale transformed from the vegetable capital to the sports capital of Arizona over the past 120 years, and how it has grown from a few hundred people to 230,000-plus residents, all the while retaining its hometown charm. Arizona Ron invites everyone to "come join me for a fascinating 90-minute walk throughout Historic Downtown Glendale!"

Ron Brewster has lived in Glendale for 60 years, a former resident of the home that is currently the location of The Spicery in Our 1895 Home, now in the Catlin Court District and listed on the National Historic Register. His father, Harold Brewster, purchased the home in 1936 from its original owners, the Messinger family. Victor Messinger was one of Glendale's earliest residents, contributing to the city's first library in Murphy Park, and was the first city clerk in 1910 when Glendale was incorporated. The Brewster family owned the property until it was sold to Martha Campbell, the original owner of The Spicery, in 1985.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy a meal in Downtown Glendale after the tour at one of the many eateries in the area. The Glendale Visitor Center provides information on all area shopping, dining and attractions. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com/.

On Glendale Glitters Non-Event Nights, Lights, Family Fun and Holiday Spirit Always On

Glendale Glitters' lights are on every evening, even though programmed events are only happening on Friday and Saturday evenings through December 19. The non-event nights, Sundays through Thursdays 6-10 p.m., are a perfect time to enjoy a more serene experience and take in the 1.5 million lights.



Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden

7637 N. 55th Ave.

Located south of Northern Avenue on 55th Avenue

The Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden was developed to stimulate the senses of sight, sound, smell and touch. Through the use of specific plants and trees for texture and scent, water features for sound, touch and sight and evening lighting for dramatic visuals, this garden is one of Glendale's proudest locations.

Watch a video on the park [here](#).

So, pack up the friends and family and head over. Here are all the details and things to enjoy on a non-event night at Glendale Glitters:

The beauty and joy of 1.5 million lights, covering 16 blocks with the Historic Downtown setting is worth the trip alone!

Horse-drawn carriage rides are the perfect opportunity to spend time with loved ones, with a much-loved holiday tradition. The ride is a unique way to enjoy the light display. Carriage rides are available Sunday through Thursday evening, through January 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. (depending on weather and demand). The carriage ride line forms at 58th Avenue and Glenn Dr. Rides cost \$25 per carriage (up to 6 people) and it takes you through six blocks of historic downtown.

When gathering with the family, a meal is usually involved. Enjoy dinner and/or coffee and dessert at one of the many restaurants and shops in the downtown area. Many critically-acclaimed restaurants include ethnic offerings like Italian, Polish, German and Vietnamese, and mom-and-pop establishments offer everything from authentic Mexican recipes to an old-fashioned ice cream parlor.

Still looking for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list? Downtown Glendale is home to some of the coolest boutiques and collectible stores, including one-of-a-kind items ranging from comic books to astrology to handmade jewelry and much more.

Enjoy holiday décor and more. Many shops have special holiday displays, such as the Bears & More, which is decorated to look like a real gingerbread house, and many indoor displays, as well.

Take your family holiday photo! What could be a better spot than Glendale Glitters? With a 30-foot Christmas tree, plus blocks and blocks of lights all around, there's sure to be a perfect photo opportunity - no sitting fee or appointment required!

Did you know many marriage proposals have happened at Glendale Glitters? It's the perfect place to pop the question with the horse-drawn carriage rides and quaint historic locations to create a picturesque and memorable setting.

To find more information on the events and horse-drawn carriage rides, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call 623-930-2299. For more information on downtown shops and restaurants, as well as driving directions, visit www.visitglendale.com or call 623-930-4500.

December 2015 Event and Activity



Rose Lane Park

51st Avenue and Marlette Avenue

Open: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

This community park is 19 acres and features an aquatics center, open in the summer, and the Rose Lane Recreation Center.

The community center features after-school activities for children.

Rose Lane Park

includes:

Lighted ball field
Lighted basketball court
Two lighted volleyball courts
Four lighted racquetball courts
Playground
Picnic tables
Grills
Restrooms
[Reservable ramadas](#)
[Aquatic center](#)
[Recreation center](#)



Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave.
623-930-7945

Heart for the City Hours:
Monday - Friday, 2-7 p.m.

The following featured events are offered from Glendale's Parks and Recreation and Library divisions in December. The programs are free unless otherwise stated. To see many more events and activities, visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Adult Softball League Organizational Meeting

6 p.m. for returning teams and 7 p.m. for new teams, Monday, December 7, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. (Auditorium)

Leagues begin in January. Registration fees are \$505 for returning and Glendale resident teams and \$595 for new, non-resident teams. Teams must be represented by a manager or team player during the organizational meeting to receive a \$50 discount off the registration fee. For more information, call 623-930-2841 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/AdultSports.cfm.

***Tell Your Story: Holiday Memory Tree**

6 to 8 p.m., Monday, December 7, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Tell your holiday story by creating a memory tree with popular artist, Christy Puetz. The Holiday Memory Tree starts out as a conical canvas ready to be embellished with paint, cloth, tiny items, text, and images. All materials will be provided, but participants should bring copies of photos to collage into their individual artwork. Registration begins November 23. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Life Care Planning

1 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Make your choices known about who will manage your affairs in the event of an emergency. Join us for a free informative session presented by the State of Arizona's Attorney General's Office. For more information, call 623-930-3430.

Crafty Kids

3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Join us for a hands-on arts & crafts experience. Crafty Kids is a first-come, first-served activity, so check in at the Youth Desk and get your creativity in gear! This program is designed for 5-12 year olds. Younger children may attend with a parent. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

***Tell Your Story: Teen Art Day**

12:30 to 2 p.m., Saturday, December 12, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

The Rose Lane Recreation Center features after-school activities for children, including open recreation; soccer; water fun; arts and crafts; reading time; and weekly movies with popcorn. [More Information](#).



Rose Lane Aquatics Center

5003 W. Marlette Ave. *
623-930-7905
(east of 51st Ave., north of Bethany Home Rd.)

This seasonal facility is only open to the public during the summer.

Activities include full facility aquatic rentals, seasonal private swim lessons, group swim lessons, and summer public recreation swimming. This facility includes a large, zero depth entry leisure pool with spray features, a splash pad, a giant slide, a kiddie slide, and a big pool with a diving well and a diving board. Rose Lane has outdoor "day use" lockers. Please bring your own lock or you may purchase one at the Rose Lane Cashier's Office. This facility is only staffed when the pools are open for aquatic programming.

Come make some cool art and hang out with other teens, ages 12-18. All supplies will be provided. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

[View a Slide Show of the Rose Lane Aquatics Center here!](#)

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